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### Summary

#### Conference Purpose and Program

The program for this national conference is designed to complete a two-year process by the National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) to evaluate our nation's natural resources conservation delivery system. The purpose of the conference is to:

- Report on stakeholder-proposed improvements to the nation's conservation delivery system;
- Gain acceptance, support and commitment for implementing these improvements; and,
- Begin a dialogue to develop reliable action plans to achieve improvements.

The program includes panel discussions involving conservation partners to present a shared vision about proposed improvements resulting from the NASCA stakeholder evaluation. Recommended improvements are discussed in a "modular" format, where recommended actions are considered by three panels of agencies, organizations and interests that are part of the conservation delivery system. All conference attendees will participate in a constructive dialogue about the "how, when and who" questions associated with recommended improvements.

The recommendations discussed at this conference are the result of two national listening sessions hosted by NASCA in 2005, and from follow-up refinement and enhancement through NASCA outreach to many conservation service delivery partners and program beneficiaries and interested parties at the national, state and local levels.

#### Who Should Attend?

This conference should be attended by persons who can represent their organizations and interests, and who can consider serious commitments to action to improve the conservation delivery system. Attendees should include:

- Invited representatives of conservation service delivery agencies and organizations
- Organizations that represent program and service beneficiaries or potential beneficiaries
- New partners with a role to play in enhancing delivery of conservation services and programs
- Individuals with experience and interest in conservation services

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#### Tuesday, April 11, 2006

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

##### OPENING LUNCHEON

Relax and network with peers while taking in the results of the NASCA Phase I project via slideshow. Lunch will end precisely at 12:15. Please move to the Kentucky Ballroom for Opening comments from NASCA President Gordon Wenk the beginning of the panel discussions.

12:30 PM - 5:00 PM

##### NASCA Recommendation Panel Discussion

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

##### Reception

JOIN US! We will meet you at the BLU LOUNGE, for conversation, hors d'oeuvres and beverages!

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#### Wednesday, April 12, 2006

7:30 AM - 8:15 AM

##### Breakfast

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

##### Break Out Session I

PANEL ONE THEME #1 - Improve Local Decision-Making • Set working program priorities at local level • Strengthen role of local working groups and stakeholder groups • Enhance the role of local district as a "gateway" for services • Build flexibility into rules to support local decision-making • Provide better resource information to local decision-makers • Better apply Technical Service Provider services • Focus resources locally • Accommodate regional differences (e.g., via flexibility) • Outreach to potential customers • Use communication and streamlining protocols (e.g., industry) • Take advantage of contribution agreements to deliver services

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##### Break Out Session II

PANEL TWO THEME #2 - Simplify and Streamline the Delivery Process And Reduce Delays & Inconsistencies • Simplify programs • Make programs and services more "user-friendly" • Use a single application • Use common program procedures and policies • Create a state "block grant" funding process • Develop a single conservation program • Reduce conservation programs to three types: – cost share, easements (land retirement), entitlement • Don't make changes mid-year; stay consistent for two-year period • Get input from service and program recipients • Develop reasonable accountability measures • Provide better, more timely information to participants • Achieve more timely agency response to applicant

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**Break Out Session III**

PANEL THREE THEME #3 – Better Apply Technology and Human Resources • Improve staff training • Address cultural aspects of delivery (e.g., communicating with different potential customers) • Roll out only proven technology to assist delivery • Improve (or eliminate) use of private sector/ NGO Technical Service Providers • Clarify agency roles and responsibilities • Re-distribute technical and administrative workload between NRCS and FSA • Employ job sharing, internships, boot camps, mobility, diversity, training for staff • Focus adequate resources in the field • Aggregate federal, state and local resources



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**Break Out Session IV**

To be determined.



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